

Nancy Johnson



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Johnson Holds Forums on Social Security

Meets with Seniors in Avon, Simsbury and Farmington

Discusses Need to Protect and Strengthen Social Security

SIMSBURY – Congresswoman Nancy Johnson discussed the importance of protecting Social Security for future generations with 5th District constituents Tuesday at the Avon Senior Center, McLean Nursing Home in Simsbury, and the New Horizons Village in Farmington. Johnson has been meeting with constituents throughout the district this spring and summer to get their views on ways to strengthen the program's financial solvency in future years.

The Congresswoman reiterated her key priorities for any reform would be to protect and strengthen Social Security for current and future generations; guarantee the program's universality; make sure core benefits are inviolable so that people can plan their retirement with security and peace of mind; improve the program's support for the disabled and low income since one-third of beneficiaries are not seniors.

"It's clear to me that seniors and others throughout the 5th District understand the Social Security program will be facing financial difficulty down the road and they want Congress to act to protect the program," Johnson said. "They also want Congress to work together in a bipartisan fashion, avoiding partisan sniping that has prevented honest discussion of this critical problem as we search for the best solution."

"For that reason," Johnson continued, "I have assured my constituents that I will reject no proposal at this time offered by Democrats or Republicans until all parties have had a chance to be heard. I welcome the many constructive ideas and suggestions my constituents have offered and will take them back to Washington when the congressional session resumes in September."

Johnson, a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, has been a leader in protecting Social Security during her years in Congress, and voted for the 1983 reforms that helped strengthen the program's fiscal solvency.

She was one of five members of Congress in 1998 who participated in a televised Social Security Forum with President Clinton, who said at the time, "Representative Johnson has been a strong advocate for Social Security beneficiaries."